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Grade Reporting within 48 hours

Submitted by Robert Costomiris

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Question:

Why does the Registrar insist that grades be reported within 48 hours of giving a final exam? Since we submit grades directly on WINGS and grades no longer need to be transcribed I can no longer see why this old requirement persists.

Rationale:

Good grading takes time. My students write essays for their exams and it takes days (not 48 hours) to get through them all. If the university really cares about evidence based decision making it should give time to professors to gather the evidence necessary to make a sound decision.

SEC Response

The following response comes from Dr. Bleicken after consulting with Mike Deal (Registrar). Grades ARE used before final grade processing (normally the Monday after the end of the semester.)--Pbh

Failure of faculty to meet the 48 hour deadline after the final exam results in the following:

- 1) incomplete grade reporting to students.
- 2) delays in determining academic standing (including exclusion, probation, dean's list, President's list)
- 3) delays in notifying students of their academic standing and their eligibility to return for a subsequent term.
- 4) delays in determining and notifying students of continuing financial aid eligibility for subsequent terms.
- 5) manual grade processing of grades submitted after grade processing has begun.

Senate Response:

2/15/2007: Robert Costomiris asked about grade reporting within 48 hours. Humphrey reported that both Connie Murphey of Financial Aid and Mike Deal, the Registrar, are rather lax about enforcing that 48 hours after each exam rule until it comes to 48 hours after the last exam, at which point grade processing begins in earnest. Staff in the Office of the Registrar try to double-check grades as they are entered during the week of final examinations, so that they can hopefully contact a professor who may have missed submitting a grade for any student(s).